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NPS Welcomes New Chief Ranger

TULELAKE, California— Lava Beds National Monument and the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument would like to welcome new Chief Ranger Radford Dew to the Tulelake Basin. He follows Travis Hall who took a position at Denali National Park in Alaska.

The Chief Ranger position is a critical position to the protection of park resources and relationship with park neighbors and stakeholders. Dew comes to the park with a variety of experiences that will support his efforts to communicate with park neighbors and general public about park resource protection issues.

"I am very excited to be joining the staff at Lava Beds and Tule Lake. This is a beautiful area and I look forward to establishing positive relationships with park neighbors to further the NPS efforts in resource protection," says Dew.

Radford Dew began his federal career more than 18 years ago as a seasonal ranger for the National Park Service. Since then he has worked as a full-time uniformed officer for the National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as a Special Agent for the National Marine Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement in Alaska, and most recently as a Special Agent for the Bureau of Land Management in Wyoming. While with the NPS he worked in Yellowstone, Olympic, Death Valley, and Big Bend National Parks. He also served as a commissioned officer in the United States Coast Guard serving in both afloat and shore side positions in Hawaii and Alaska. Radford holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a major in Biological Sciences and a minor in History.

Rad will be joined in by his wife Dominie, who is a high school science teacher. Rad and Dominie have two daughters, Parker who is 8, and Betty who is 4. They look forward to living, working and attending school in the Tulelake area!

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Lava Beds National Monument, established in 1925, is a land of turmoil, both geologic and historic. Over the last half-million years, volcanic eruptions have created a rugged landscape dotted with diverse volcanic features. Lava tube caves, Native American sites, historic battlefields and a high desert wilderness experience await you!

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